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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the application as follows (a marked-up copy showing the changes is provided as the attached Appendix):

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace page 3, third full paragraph, as follows:

B1 ---The gene coding for the NPY/Y5 receptor and applications thereof are disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,602,024, International Patent Publication WO96/16542 and WO97/46250. However, these publications do not specifically disclose nor suggest the compounds of the present invention.---

Please replace page 57, first full paragraph, as follows:

B2 ---N-Boc-6-aminocaproic acid (7.58 g) prepared by the method described in a Journal of Medicinal Chemistry (J. Med. Chem., 36, p.272 (1993)) and 7.58 g of 3-amino-9-